

Claims

- [c1] A paint applicator comprising:
- (a) a cylindrical roller sleeve having an exterior textured surface for applying paint to a surface, wherein said roller has a first end and a second end, and the textured surface at the second end is bevelled away from the second end; and
 - (b) a separator attached to or forming part of the second end and having an outside surface, wherein said separator spaces the second end away from a non-painted surface which joins a surface to be painted at an angle.
- [c2] 2.The paint applicator of claim 1 wherein the textured surface at the second end is bevelled sufficiently such that no part of the textured surface may extend past a plane tangent to the separator outside surface and perpendicular to a roller longitudinal axis.
- [c3] 3.The paint applicator of claim 2 wherein the textured surface at the second end is bevelled at about a 45 ° angle.
- [c4] 4.The paint applicator of claim 2 further comprising a roller holder affixed to an elongated handle, wherein the handle is pivotally adjustable.
- [c5] 5.The paint applicator of claim 4 wherein the elongated handle comprises at least two portions, each portion having a disc comprising a mating surface, wherein each mating surface comprises a plurality of projections and depressions such that the projections of one disc fit within the depressions of the other disc when the two discs are pressed together.
- [c6] 6.The paint applicator of claim 5 wherein the mating surfaces of the discs are radially serrated.
- [c7] 7.The paint applicator of claim 5 wherein the mating surfaces of the discs comprise corresponding bumps and depressions.
- [c8] 8.The paint applicator of claim 5 further comprising means for resiliently biasing the two discs together, which biasing means may be manually overcome to adjust the position of one disc relative to the other.

[c9] 9.The paint applicator of claim 7 wherein the biasing means comprises a bolt which passes through both discs and a coil spring which acts between one end of the bolt and one disc.

[c10] 10.A method of painting interior walls of a room having a ceiling, comprising the steps of:

- (a)using an cylindrical paint roller having an exterior textured surface for applying paint to a surface, wherein said roller has a first end and a second end, and the textured surface at the second end is bevelled back from the second end; a separator attached to or forming part of the second end; a pivotally adjustable elongated handle;
- (b)remaining near the centre of the room, painting the surfaces close to the ceiling by angling the handle such that the roller is substantially vertical and the separator touches the ceiling; and
- (c)painting the remainder of the interior walls where the walls come in close proximity to trims and or other surfaces not to be painted by adjusting the angle of the handle.

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